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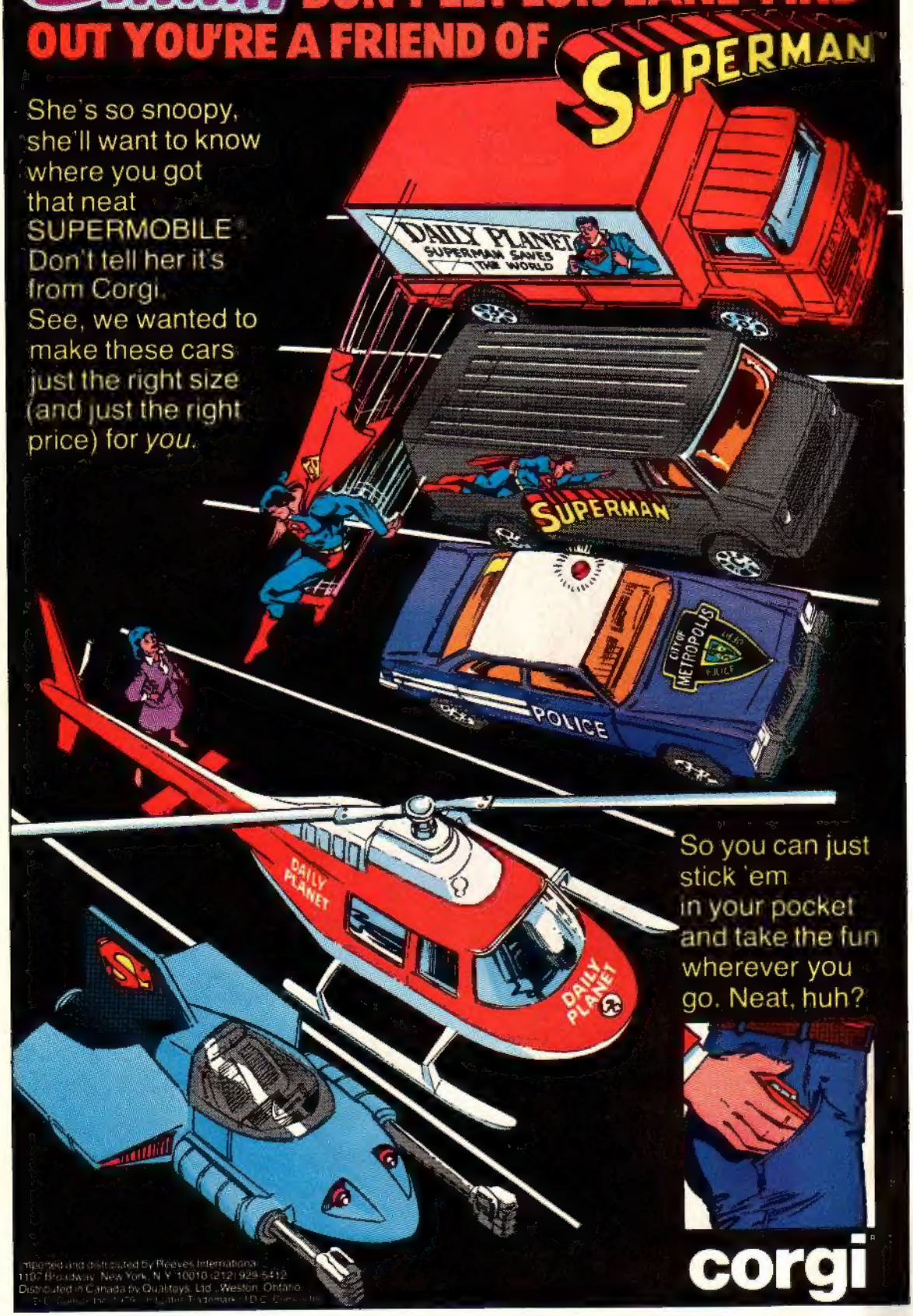

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STARMAN

UNEASY LIES THE CROWN!

THERE'S THRONEWORLD DEAD AHEAD! I PRAY I'M IN TIME FOR THE CEREMONY...
BECAUSE IF I'M NOT, I JUST MIGHT HAVE TO KILL THE EMPRESS TO SAVE THE EMPIRE!
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AND THAT LOOKS LIKE A GOOD SPOT TO ENTER THE AIR-SHIELD!
HUHN--THREE HUNDRED SQUARE MILES OF PALACE GROUNDS, AND I PICK THIS SPOT TO TOUCH DOWN!
SO MUCH FOR BEING ABLE TO CONTROL MY SUBCONSCIOUS SENSE OF DIRECTION!
AT LEAST I SHOULD BE SAFE INSIDE THE GARDEN WALL!
WHOOPS--IMPERIAL GUARDS!
YOU GUYS REALLY MOVE IN QUICKLY!
STOP! YOU CANNOT ENTER THESE GROUNDS!
THEY ARE THE DOMAIN OF LORD SERWAL OF CHOTH!
RENTED THE PLACE OUT BEFORE THE LAST TENANT'S FIRES EVEN GOT COLD, HUH?
WHUMP!
I SHOULD'VE KNOWN... THE EMPRESS ALWAYS WAS A THRIFTY SORT!
STILL, IF I WANT TO CONTINUE TO ADMIRE HER VIRTUES, THERE'S NO TIME TO DEBATE THEM.
AYEII
DON'T CARE FOR A TOUCH OF STELLAR RADIATION, huh?
WELL, DON'T WORRY! TOMORROW, YOU'LL JUST WAKE UP WITH A BAD CASE OF SUNBURN--
POW!
SOK!
--AND A RECORD-BREAKING HEADACHE!

SOMEHOW I DON'T THINK THEY WOULD HAVE LISTENED IF I HAD TRIED TO EXPLAIN THAT I REALLY DO BELONG HERE TODAY--
--EVEN IF NO ONE THOUGHT TO SEND ME AN INVITATION!
BUT IF I STICK TO THE SHADOWS, MAYBE I CAN FIND LORD OSWIN'S FORCE-FIELD THOUGHT-CONTROL DEVICE--
--BEFORE HE TURNS IT ON THE EMPRESS, AND WE ALL END UP BEING RULED BY A VERY PRETTY SHEEP IN IMPERIAL CLOTHING!
AND THERE SHE IS, RIGHT ON CUE!
THE WHOLE IMPERIAL PROCESSION OFF TO THE CEREMONY--AND ALL THE NOBILITY TOO!
--PROBABLY WALKING FOR THE FIRST TIME IN YEARS! TRADITION IS SUCH A WONDERFUL MOTIVATOR!
"THERE'S THE LADY OF THE HOUR-- COMPLETE WITH THE IMPERIAL MARK TATTOOED ON HER FOREHEAD, WAITING FOR THE CROWN TO CREASE HER BROW.
"LADY MERRIA, LOVELY AS EVER--AND ALREADY ADOPTED INTO THE NEW IMPERIAL HOUSE, I SEE.
"EVEN LORD PROTECTOR OSWIN IS SMILING LIKE A MONGREL BASKING IN THE SUN
"AND WHY NOT--HE THINKS HE'LL BE THE POWER BEHIND THE THRONE BY DAY'S END!"

IT'LL TAKE A LOT OF LUCK TO KEEP THAT DREAM FROM COMING TRUE!
BUT I WONDER IF I'VE ALREADY USED UP MY LUCK. NEVER THOUGHT I'D SEE MERRIA AGAIN... AT LEAST NOT IN THIS LIFE...
"... AND THE IMPOSSIBLE LUCK OF LEARNING SOME OF OSWIN'S PLANS WHEN I RESCUED JEDIAH RIKANE MAY HAVE CLEANED OUT MY ACCOUNT.
"JUST WHEN I REALLY NEED IT!"
JEDIAH SAID OSWIN WAS GOING TO STRIKE ON CORONATION DAY...
... USING ONE OF HIS FORCE-FIELDS TO CONTROL THE EMPRESS.
BUT HOW--AND WHY TODAY OF ALL DAYS!?!
WAIT! CORONATION DAY--THAT'S IT!
THE CROWN--THAT'S THE ONLY THING UNIQUE ABOUT TODAY!
HE'S GOT TO BE ATTUNING THE FIELD TO THE CROWN JEWELS! THEY'RE A PERFECT FOCUS!
AND TODAY IS THE ONLY DAY ANYONE COULD GET NEAR THEM!

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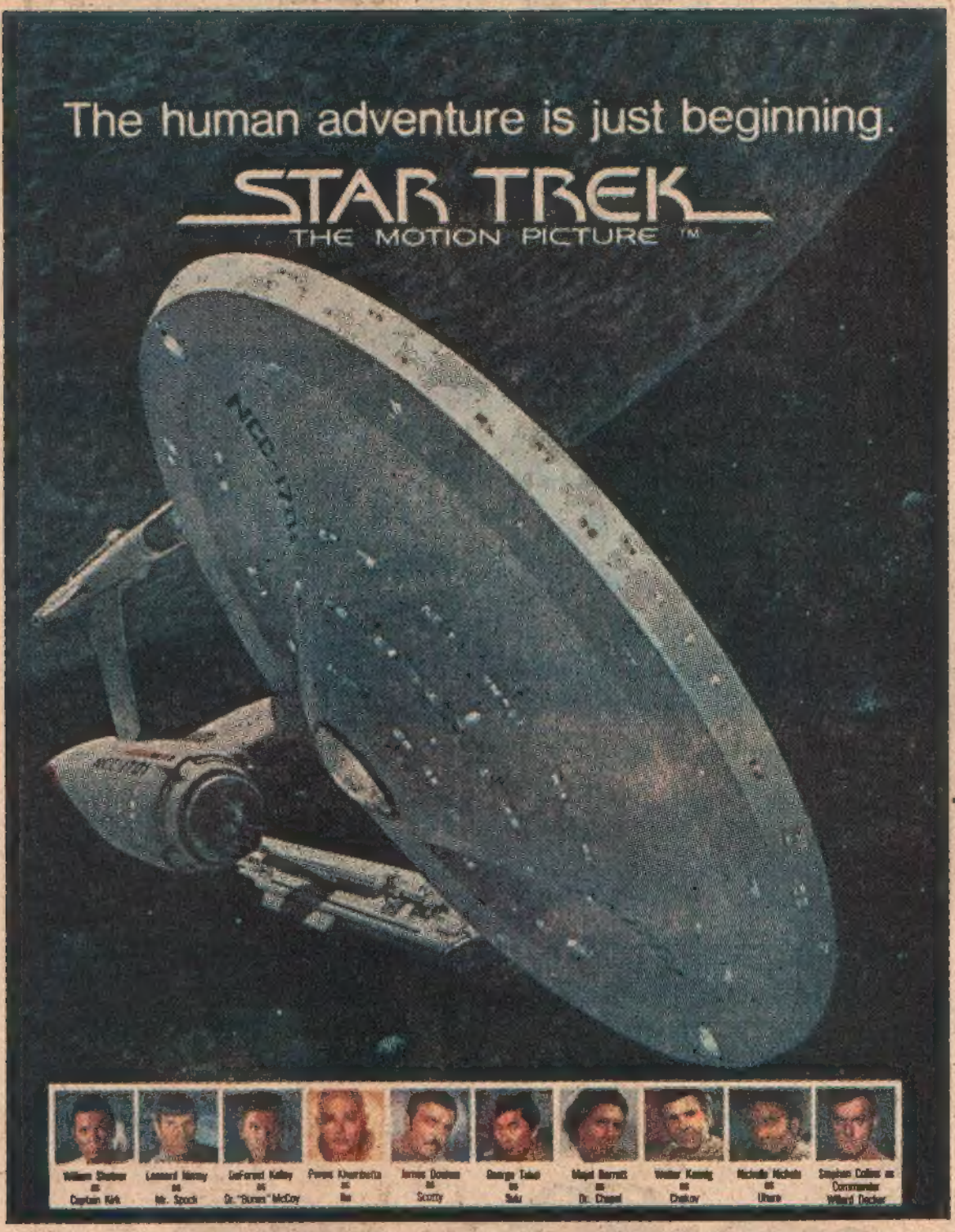
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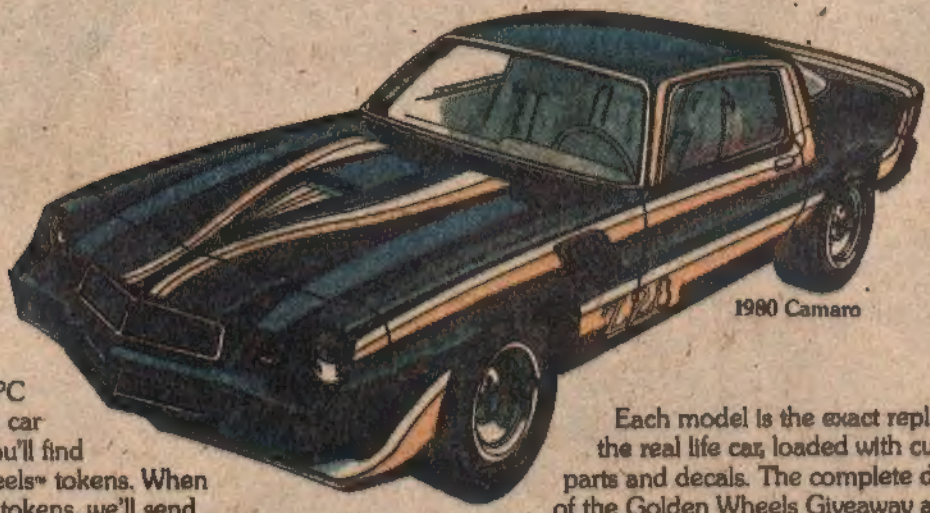

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--AND THE ONE PLACE IN THE EMPIRE SAFE ENOUGH TO PROTECT THE CROWN!
WHA-- WHAT'S THAT?
SUCH A FIERCE GREETING, MY FRIEND...?
KRZZAP!
MN'TORR! WHAT IN THE SEVEN SUNS ARE YOU DOING HERE?
I THOUGHT YOU MIGHT NEED ME, SO I CAME. DOES IT TRULY MATTER HOW?
YOU MIGHT HAVE GIVEN ME A GENTLER WELCOME, YOU KNOW.
MN'TORR, YOU'RE INCREDIBLE!
A HUMAN WAY OF LOOKING AT IT, STARMAN... AND QUITE LIMITED!
HOWEVER, YOUR SOLAR POWERS SEEM TO BE FUNCTIONING WELL, DESPITE THE DENSE MATERIALS SEPARATING YOU FROM THE STARS!
WELL ENOUGH, ANYWAY.
WHEN THEY DESIGNED THIS LITTLE TREASURE TROVE, THEY DIDN'T CONSIDER THE POSSIBILITY OF A BURGLAR WHO COULD RIDE THE GRAVITY WAVES--
--OR WHO COULD USE SOLAR HEAT TO BURN HIS WAY IN!
AN INTRUDER-- HERE--??
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IT'S THE STARMAN LORD OGWIN WARNED US OF!
HE MUST NOT GET NEAR THE CROWN!
SEIZE HIM!
FASCINATING-- SO OGWIN EXPECTED ME!
AND HE STILL WENT AHEAD WITH HIS PLAN-- IF THE FORCE-FIELD AROUND THE CROWN IS ANY INDICATION!
HE MUST BE DESPERATE FOR THE THRONE!
DESPERATE ENOUGH TO BE FOOLISH, MY FRIEND!
HIS CHOSEN ASSISTANTS EVEN USE LETHAL BEAMS--
--A DECIDEDLY BARBARIC PRACTICE!
AND USELESS TOO.
THUMP
WHILE YOU HAVE YOUR POWER TO ABSORB RADIATION, YES.
NOT TO MENTION THAT STAFF OF YOURS, MN'TORR! IS THERE ANYTHING IT CAN'T DO?
ALL THINGS ARE FINITE, STARMAN!
NOT YOEEOOW!
I HAVE HIM, SIR AND CAPTAIN! STARMAN HAS FALLEN TO MY BLADE!
NO!

NOT WITH A SINGLE THROW--AND YOU SHALL BE DENIED THE OPPORTUNITY FOR A SECOND!
FWOOSH!
OHMH...
IS THE DAMAGE GREAT?
JUST A NICKED MUSCLE... BUT IT BURNS LIKE A COLLAPSING STAR.
IT IS GOOD FOR EVEN YOU TO KNOW THAT PAIN, STARMAN.
MAYBE--AND I KNOW SOMEONE ELSE WHO IS ABOUT TO KNOW IT-- DOUBLED! BACK!
THIS BLAST CAN CARVE A LESSER MOON AT FULL POWER!
YOU SHALL NOT HAVE THE CROWN--OSWIN HAS COMMANDED IT!
I DON'T KNOW WHAT HE PAID FOR THAT COMMAND, CAPTAIN--
--BUT IF PERFORMANCE WAS GUARANTEED--
AYEE!!!
--I JUST EARNED HIM A REFUND!
THEY STILL DO NOT REALIZE THAT EVERY QUANTUM OF ENERGY THEY POUR AT YOU ONLY MAKES YOU STRONGER!
KA-BLAM!
THAT'S NOT SURPRISING, MN' TORR.

AFTER ALL, EVEN I DIDN'T KNOW IT UNTIL A FEW WEEKS AGO.
TRUE. NOW WHAT WILL YOU DO WITH THAT KNOWLEDGE?
THE CROWN--AND YOUR DESTINY--AWAITS.
IT'S TOO LATE FOR THE FORCE FIELD TO BE ATTUNED TO THE CROWN AND THUS THE CORONATION CAN SAFELY BEGIN.
NO POINT TRYING TO CONNECT THESE GUARDSMEN TO OSWIN'S PLOT!
HE'D CLAIM HE TOLD THEM TO PROTECT THE CROWN FROM ME.
AND THE TRUTH IS OFTEN THE HARDEST THING TO PROVE.
WH-WHAT'S HAPPENED? WHY ARE THOSE GUARDSMEN NOT AT THEIR POSTS?
Ah, LADY MERRIA... THEN THE EMPRESS GAVE YOU THE HONOR OF BRINGING HER THE CROWN!
AND WHO ARE YOU TO SPEAK SO FAMILARLY TO A PEER OF THE REALM?
I OF ALL PEOPLE HAVE THAT RIGHT, MERRIA--!
IT SEEMS WE MEET AGAIN IN A LIFETIME I THOUGHT WE COULD NEVER SHARE!
BY THE LOST HOMEWORLD! IT'S YOU!!
YOU DID IT--
--YOU'VE COME BACK TO CLAIM THE THRONE!
NOW THAT WE'VE WHETTED YOUR APPETITE--
NEXT: A STAR A-BORNING
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BATMAN AND PROFESSOR PLUTONIUM
BATMAN HAS RECEIVED A TIP THAT A CRIMINAL CALLED PROFESSOR PLUTONIUM WILL STRIKE AT MIDNIGHT, FROM GOTHAM HARBOR.
I WONDER WHAT THE TIPSTER MEANT WHEN HE SAID THIS WAS MY "GOLDEN" OPPORTUNITY TO SEE THE PROFESSOR IN ACTION?
HE MUST'VE SPOTTED ME! HE'S PULLING OUT — BUT THE BATBOAT IS FASTER!
YOU'LL NEVER CATCH ME! TONIGHT, ALL OF AMERICA'S GOLD RESERVES WILL DISAPPEAR IN A PUFF OF SMOKE! IF I CAN'T HAVE IT, I'LL DESTROY IT!
SO THAT'S IT! I MUST STOP HIM BEFORE HE BOMBS FORT KNOX!
HEY, PROFESSOR! HOW ABOUT A MIDNIGHT SNACK?
HA! HA! THE ONLY THING THAT TEMPTS ME IS GOLD!
GOLD? TRY THESE!
WHAT'S THIS? GOLDEN SPONGE CAKE? WHY, THESE ARE HOSTESS® TWINKIES® CAKES.
CREAMED FILLING, TOO. THIS SEA AIR REALLY GAVE ME AN APPETITE.
I HOPE YOU ALSO DEVELOP A TASTE FOR PRISON FOOD, PROFESSOR.
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HOW IS AGENT CYFER, CHIEF?
ABOUT AS DEAD AS THEY COME!
EVERY BONE IN HIS BODY HAS BEEN BROKEN!
BUT THE MOST PUZZLING THING ABOUT THE CORPSE IS THE SHAPE OF THESE BRUISES!
IF I DIDN'T KNOW BETTER, I'D SWEAR THEY LOOKED LIKE FOOTPRINTS!
AND FOOTPRINTS WITH AN ABNORMALLY LONG BIG TOE, IT SEEMS!
HOW ODD.
POOR OLD CYFER-- LOOKS LIKE HE FINALLY BOUGHT THE BIG ONE!
GUESS HE WON'T BE NEEDING THIS ANY MORE THEN!
JACKPOT! WOOZY WINKS, THIS IS YOUR LUCKY--
UH-OH.
WELL, IF YOU'D LOOKED PAST THE BILLFOLD, YOU MIGHT'VE FOUND--
--BALLET TICKETS?!?
BUT CYFER HATED THE BALLET!
HONEST, PLAS, I WAS JUST--UH-- LOOKING FOR CLUES!
THEN THERE MUST'VE BEEN SOMETHING SPECIAL ABOUT THIS ONE IN PARTICULAR!
CYFER WAS OBVIOUSLY ON TO SOMETHING, CHIEF!
I ALSO FOUND THIS POSTER AMONG CYFER'S BELONGINGS!
THE BOLSHEVEK BALLET STARRING DIMITRI DERVISH
I THINK MAYBE IT'S TIME WOOZY AND I ACQUIRED A LITTLE CULTURE!
PLAS-- NO! YOU CAN'T BE SERIOUS! THAT BALLET STUFF IS FOR SISSIES!
DON'T EVER LET RUDOLF NUREYEV CATCH YOU SAYING THAT, WOOZY!
JUST LOOK AT IT THIS WAY--IT BEATS GOING TO THE DENTIST!
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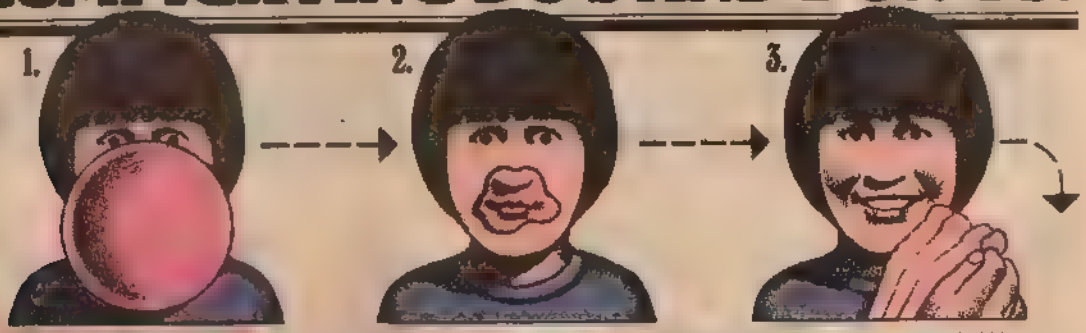

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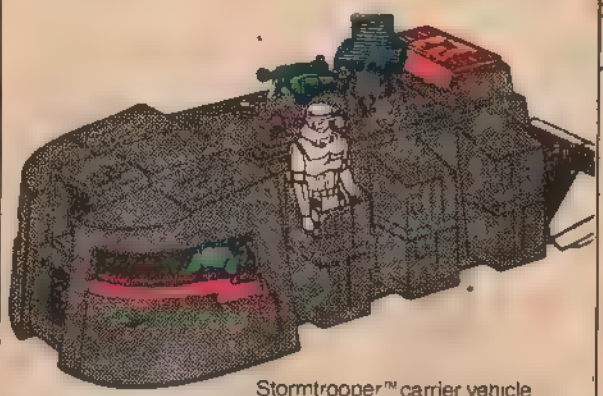

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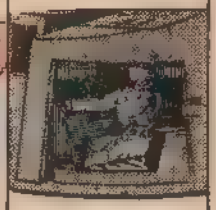

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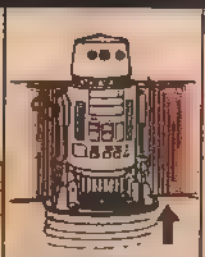

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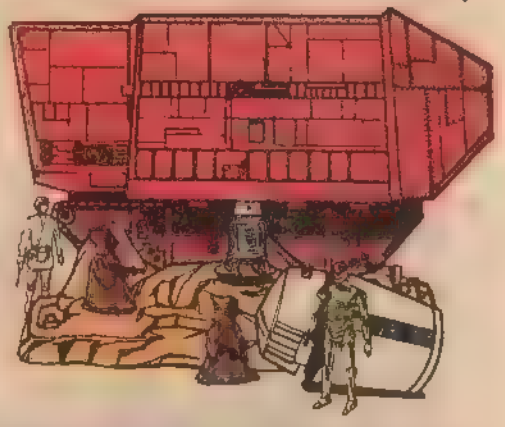

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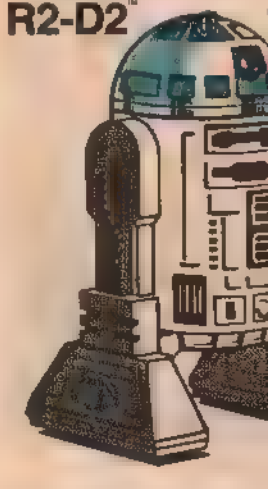

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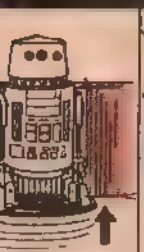

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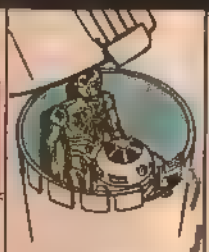

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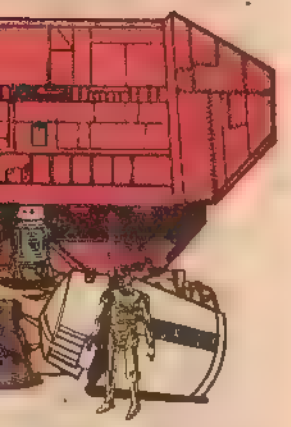

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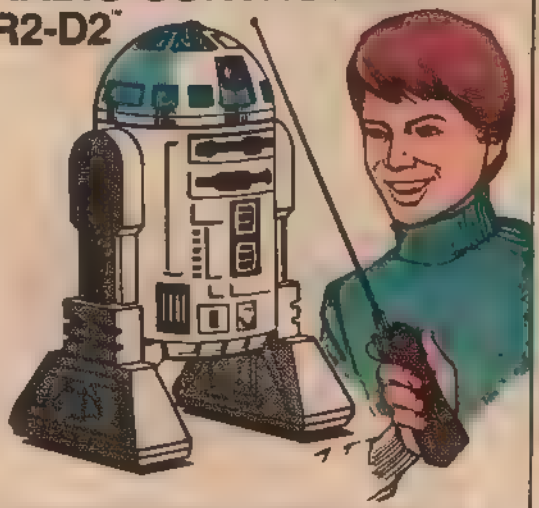

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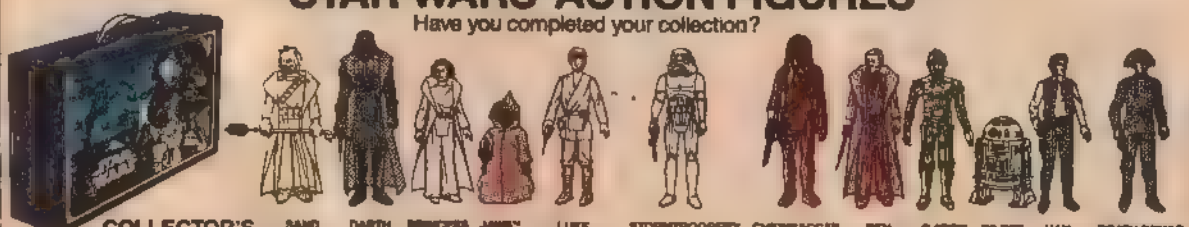

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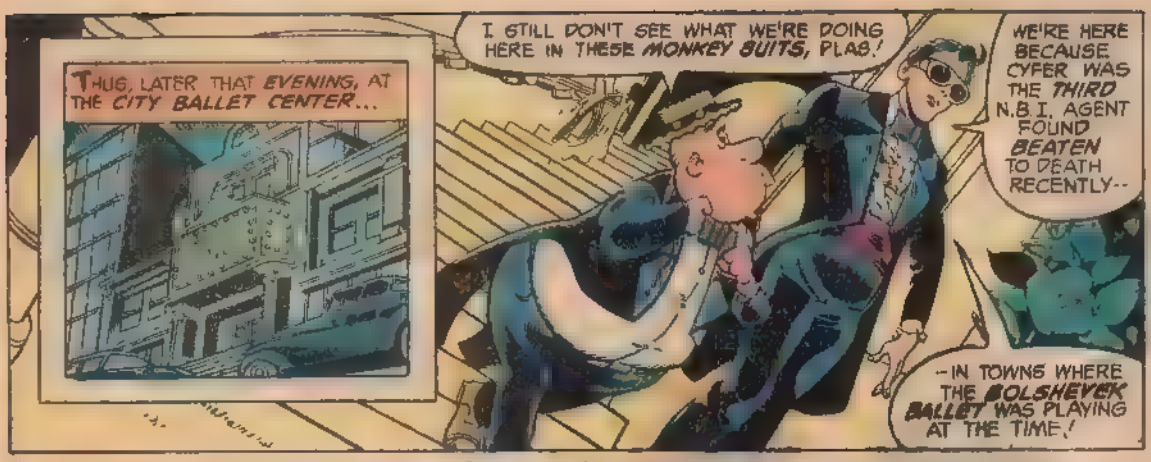
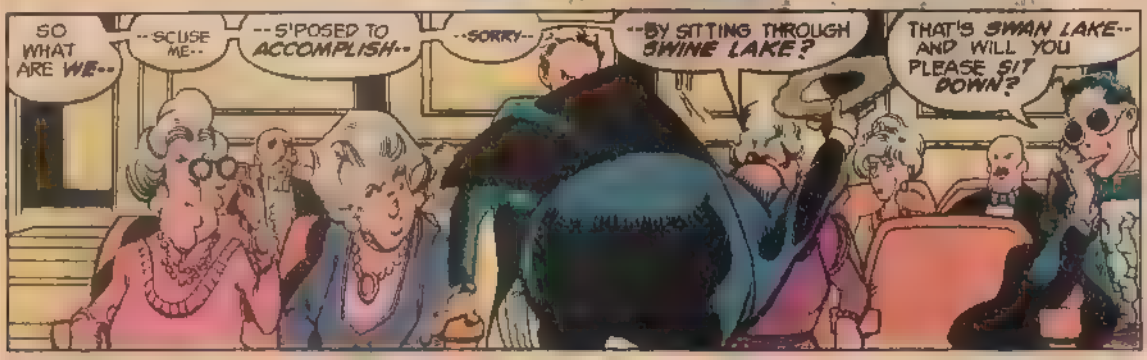
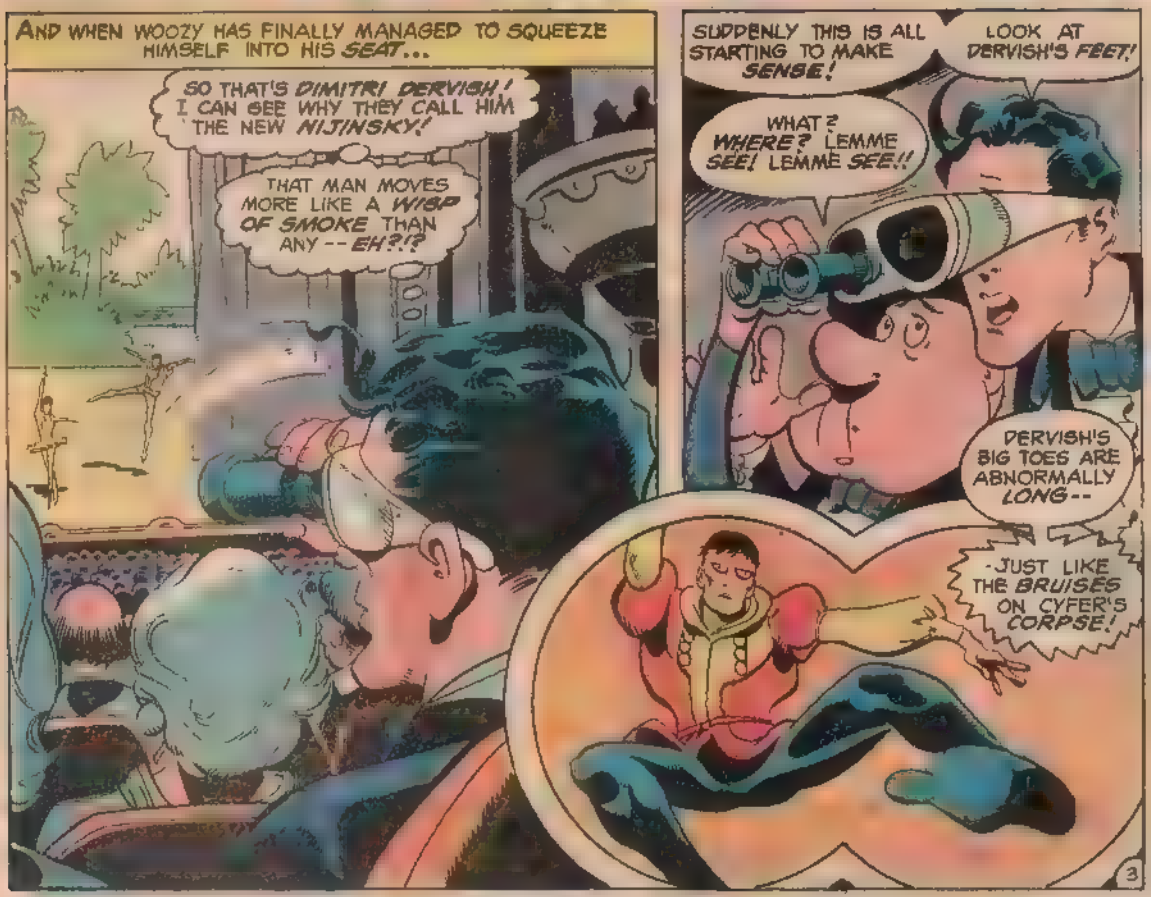
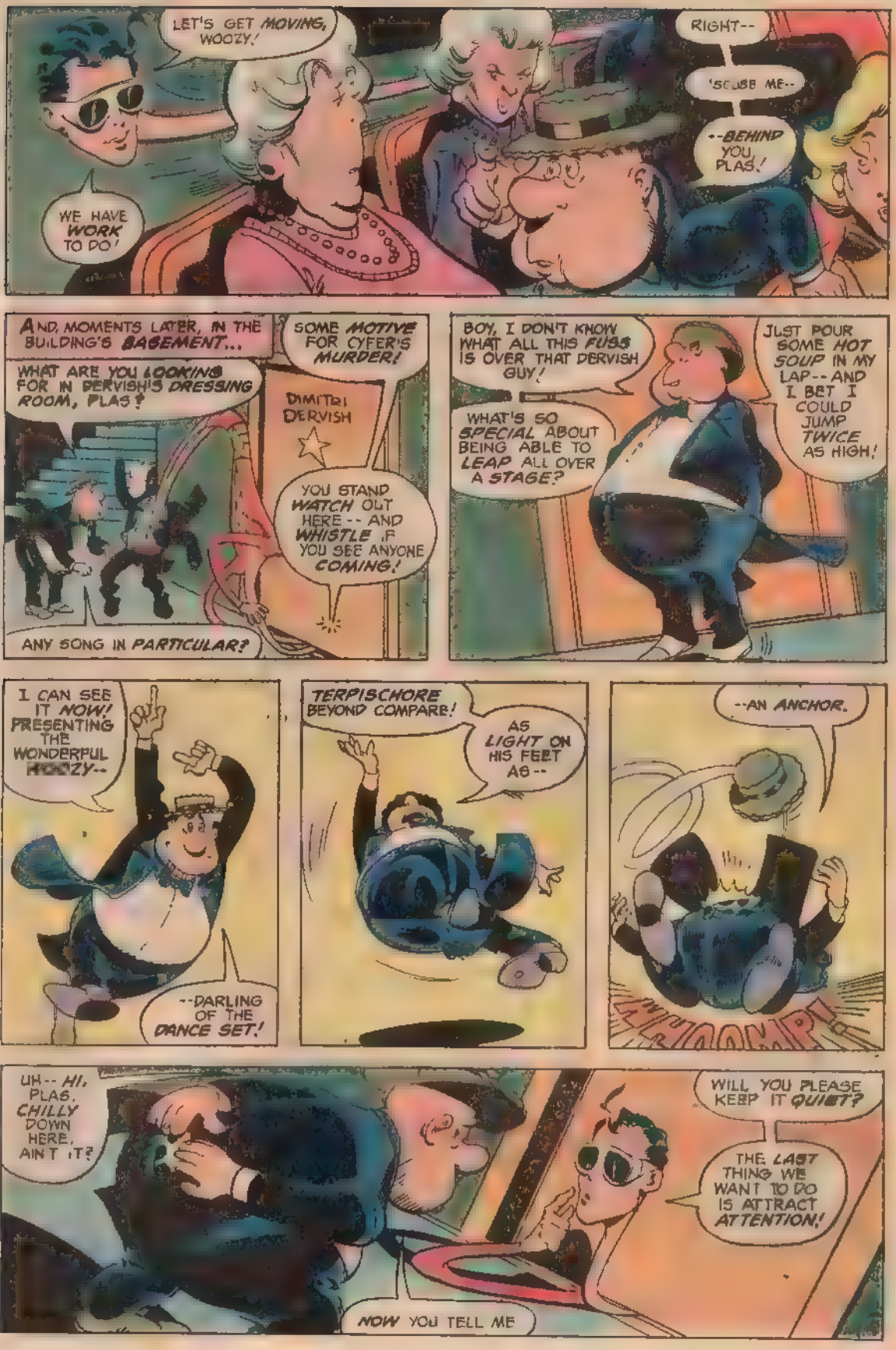
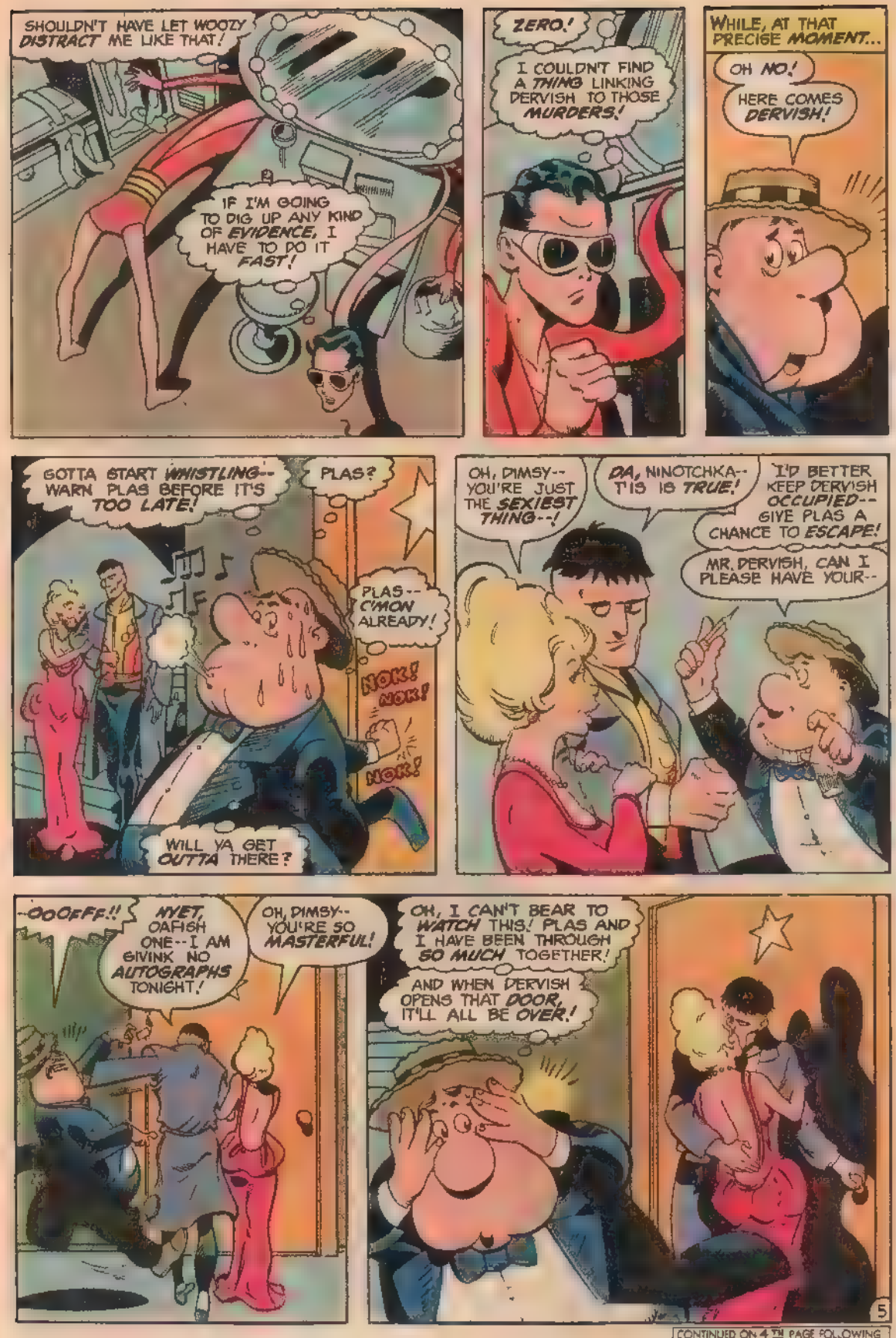

THUS, LATER THAT EVENING, AT THE CITY BALLET CENTER...
I STILL DON'T SEE WHAT WE'RE DOING HERE IN THESE MONKEY SUITS, PLAB!
WE'RE HERE BECAUSE CYFER WAS THE THIRD N.B.I. AGENT FOUND BEATEN TO DEATH RECENTLY--
--IN TOWNS WHERE THE BOLSHEVEK BALLET WAS PLAYING AT THE TIME!


SO WHAT ARE WE--
--SCUSE ME--
--S'POSED TO ACCOMPLISH--
--SORRY--
--BY SITTING THROUGH SWINE LAKE?
THAT'S SWAN LAKE-- AND WILL YOU PLEASE SIT DOWN?


AND WHEN WOOZY HAS FINALLY MANAGED TO SQUEEZE HIMSELF INTO HIS SEAT...
SO THAT'S DIMITRI DERVISH! I CAN SEE WHY THEY CALL HIM THE NEW NIJINSKY!
THAT MAN MOVES MORE LIKE A WISP OF SMOKE THAN ANY -- EH?!?
SUDDENLY THIS IS ALL STARTING TO MAKE SENSE!
LOOK AT DERVISH'S FEET!
WHAT? WHERE? LEMME SEE! LEMME SEE!!
DERVISH'S BIG TOES ARE ABNORMALLY LONG--
-JUST LIKE THE BRUISES ON CYFER'S CORPSE!


LET'S GET MOVING, WOOZY!
WE HAVE WORK TO DO!
RIGHT--
'SCUSE ME--
--BEHIND YOU, PLAS!
AND, MOMENTS LATER, IN THE BUILDING'S BASEMENT...
WHAT ARE YOU LOOKING FOR IN DERVISH'S DRESSING ROOM, PLAS?
SOME MOTIVE FOR CYFER'S MURDER!
DIMITRI DERVISH
YOU STAND WATCH OUT HERE -- AND WHISTLE IF YOU SEE ANYONE COMING!
ANY SONG IN PARTICULAR?
BOY, I DON'T KNOW WHAT ALL THIS FUSS IS OVER THAT DERVISH GUY!
WHAT'S SO SPECIAL ABOUT BEING ABLE TO LEAP ALL OVER A STAGE?
JUST POUR SOME HOT SOUP IN MY LAP -- AND I BET I COULD JUMP TWICE AS HIGH!
I CAN SEE IT NOW! PRESENTING THE WONDERFUL WOOZY--
--DARLING OF THE DANCE SET!
TERPISCHORE BEYOND COMPARE!
AS LIGHT ON HIS FEET AS --
--AN ANCHOR.
KRAAK!
UH -- HI, PLAS. CHILLY DOWN HERE, AIN'T IT?
WILL YOU PLEASE KEEP IT QUIET?
THE LAST THING WE WANT TO DO IS ATTRACT ATTENTION!
NOW YOU TELL ME


SHOULDN'T HAVE LET WOOZY DISTRACT ME LIKE THAT!
IF I'M GOING TO DIG UP ANY KIND OF EVIDENCE, I HAVE TO DO IT FAST!
ZERO!
I COULDN'T FIND A THING LINKING DERVISH TO THOSE MURDERS!
WHILE, AT THAT PRECISE MOMENT...
OH NO!
HERE COMES DERVISH!
GOTTA START WHISTLING-- WARN PLAS BEFORE IT'S TOO LATE!
PLAS?
PLAS-- C'MON ALREADY!
NOK! NOK!
NOK!
WILL YA GET OUTTA THERE?
OH, DIMSY-- YOU'RE JUST THE SEXIEST THING--!
DA, NINOTCHKA-- T'IS IS TRUE!
I'D BETTER KEEP DERVISH OCCUPIED-- GIVE PLAS A CHANCE TO ESCAPE!
MR. DERVISH, CAN I PLEASE HAVE YOUR--
--OOOFFF!!
NYET, OAFISH ONE-- I AM GIVINK NO AUTOGRAPHS TONIGHT!
OH, DIMSY-- YOU'RE SO MASTERFUL!
OH, I CAN'T BEAR TO WATCH THIS! PLAS AND I HAVE BEEN THROUGH SO MUCH TOGETHER!
AND WHEN DERVISH OPENS THAT DOOR, IT'LL ALL BE OVER!
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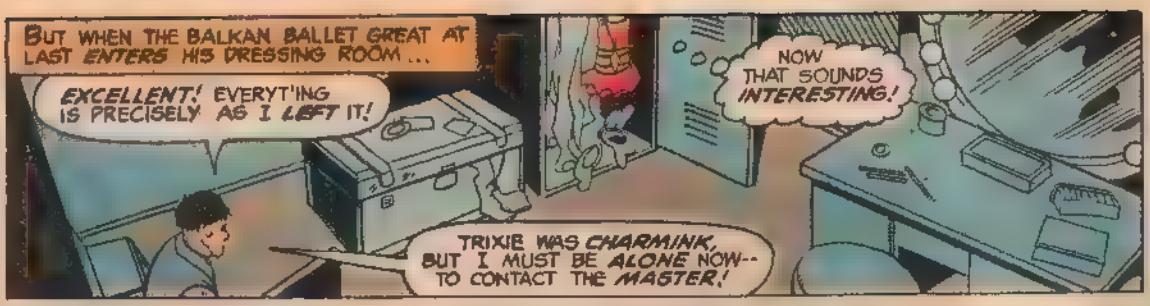
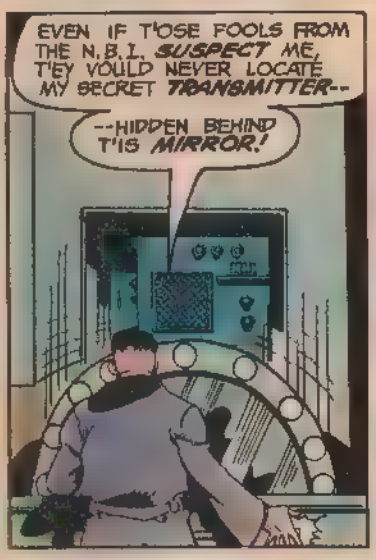
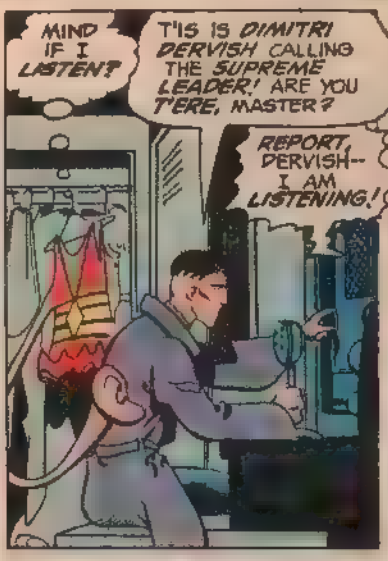
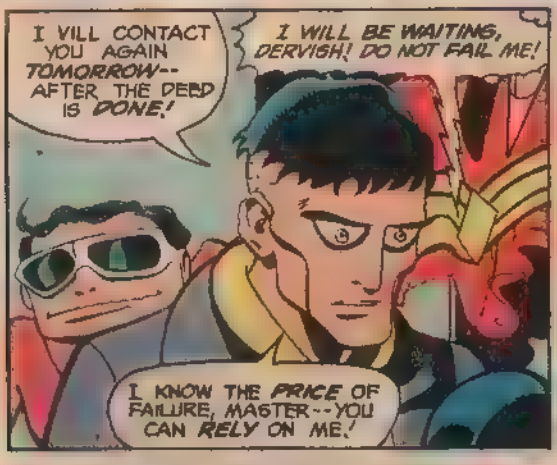
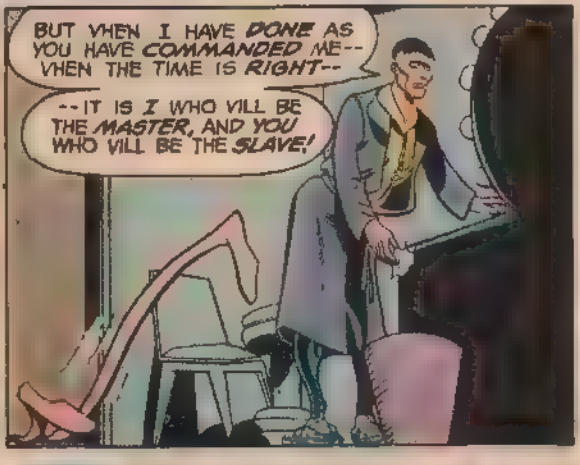

BUT WHEN THE BALKAN BALLET GREAT AT LAST ENTERS HIS DRESSING ROOM ...
EXCELLENT! EVERYT'ING IS PRECISELY AS I LEFT IT!
NOW THAT SOUNDS INTERESTING!
TRIXIE WAS CHARMINK, BUT I MUST BE ALONE NOW-- TO CONTACT THE MASTER!

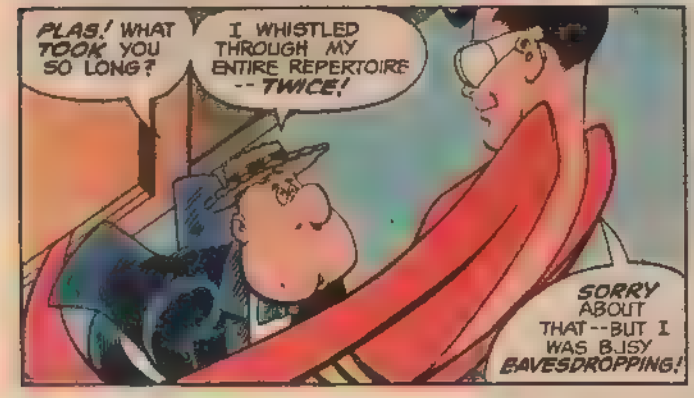

EVEN IF T'OSE FOOLS FROM THE N.B.I. SUSPECT ME, T'EY VOULD NEVER LOCATE MY SECRET TRANSMITTER--
--HIDDEN BEHIND T'IS MIRROR!

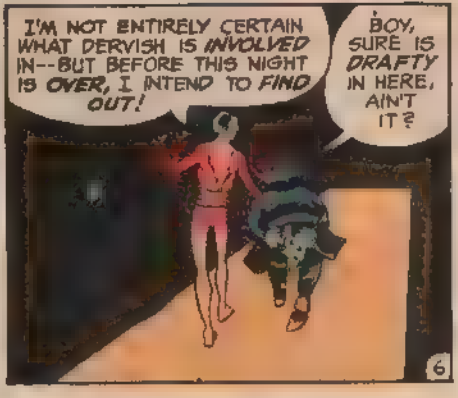

MIND IF I LISTEN?
T'IS IS DIMITRI DERVISH CALLING THE SUPREME LEADER! ARE YOU T'ERE, MASTER?
REPORT, DERVISH-- I AM LISTENING!

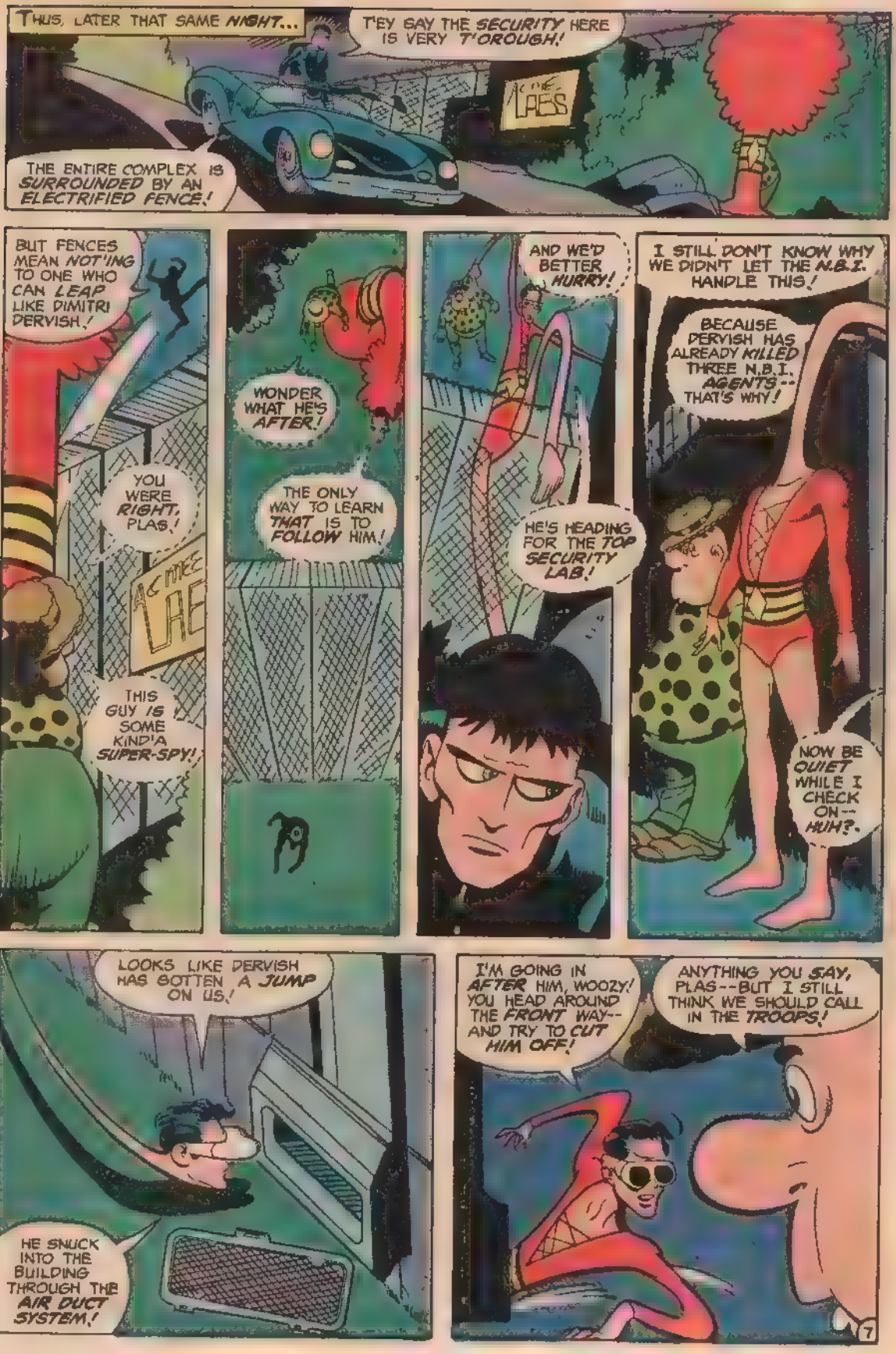
I HAVE BEEN FORCED TO KILL A T'IRD N.B.I. AGENT WHO VAS GETTINK TOO CLOSE TO THE TRUTH!
BUT TONIGHT I VILL STEAL THE FINAL COMPONENT YOU REQUIRE FROM T'IS CITY'S ACME LABS!
SPLENDID, DERVISH!


I VILL CONTACT YOU AGAIN TOMORROW-- AFTER THE DEED IS DONE!
I WILL BE WAITING, DERVISH! DO NOT FAIL ME!
I KNOW THE PRICE OF FAILURE, MASTER--YOU CAN RELY ON ME!


BUT VHEN I HAVE DONE AS YOU HAVE COMMANDED ME-- VHEN THE TIME IS RIGHT--
--IT IS I WHO VILL BE THE MASTER, AND YOU WHO VILL BE THE SLAVE!


PLAS! WHAT TOOK YOU SO LONG?
I WHISTLED THROUGH MY ENTIRE REPERTOIRE --TWICE!
SORRY ABOUT THAT--BUT I WAS BUSY EAVESDROPPING!


I'M NOT ENTIRELY CERTAIN WHAT DERVISH IS INVOLVED IN--BUT BEFORE THIS NIGHT IS OVER, I INTEND TO FIND OUT!
BOY, SURE IS DRAFTY IN HERE, AIN'T IT?


THUS, LATER THAT SAME NIGHT...
T'EY SAY THE SECURITY HERE IS VERY T'OROUGH!
ACME LABS
THE ENTIRE COMPLEX IS SURROUNDED BY AN ELECTRIFIED FENCE!
BUT FENCES MEAN NOT'ING TO ONE WHO CAN LEAP LIKE DIMITRI DERVISH!
YOU WERE RIGHT, PLAS!
ACME LABS
THIS GUY IS SOME KIND'A SUPER-SPY!
WONDER WHAT HE'S AFTER!
THE ONLY WAY TO LEARN THAT IS TO FOLLOW HIM!
AND WE'D BETTER HURRY!
HE'S HEADING FOR THE TOP SECURITY LAB!
I STILL DON'T KNOW WHY WE DIDN'T LET THE N.B.I. HANDLE THIS!
BECAUSE DERVISH HAS ALREADY KILLED THREE N.B.I. AGENTS -- THAT'S WHY!
NOW BE QUIET WHILE I CHECK ON -- HUH?
LOOKS LIKE DERVISH HAS GOTTEN A JUMP ON US!
HE SNUCK INTO THE BUILDING THROUGH THE AIR DUCT SYSTEM!
I'M GOING IN AFTER HIM, WOOZY! YOU HEAD AROUND THE FRONT WAY -- AND TRY TO CUT HIM OFF!
ANYTHING YOU SAY, PLAS -- BUT I STILL THINK WE SHOULD CALL IN THE TROOPS!
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MAYBE I'M MAKING A MISTAKE!
DERVISH WOULD HAVE TO BE SOME SOME SORT OF CONTORTIONIST TO MANEUVER THROUGH THESE NARROW DUCTS!
THE MASTER CHOSE VELL WHEN HE CHOSE ME!
MY TRIPLE-JOINTED BODY ALLOWS ME ACCESS TO ANYVHERE!
THUS, MOMENTS LATER, IN THE BUILDING'S INNER-MOST LAB...
THE MECHANISM VHICH THE MASTER SENT ME TO STEAL IS SOMEVHERE IN T'IS ROOM!
I MUST FIND IT QVICKLY, AND MAKE MY ESCAPE BEFORE--
AH! T'ERE IT IS!
T'IS DEVICE FITS THE MASTER'S DESCRIPTION--
--BUT I'D BEST EXAMINE IT UNDER BETTER LIGHTINK BEFORE I--
HEY--!! THAT SMARTS!
VHAT THE--?!?
THIS TIME, WE CAUGHT YOU IN THE ACT, DERVISH!
YOU'RE UNDER ARREST-- FOR TREASON AND MURDER!
NYET! IT CANNOT BE--
--PLASTIC MAN!?!
AND DON'T FORGET HIS FEARLESS ASSISTANT WOOZY WINKS WHILE YOU'RE BUSY NAMING NAMES!
SLAM
OUCH!
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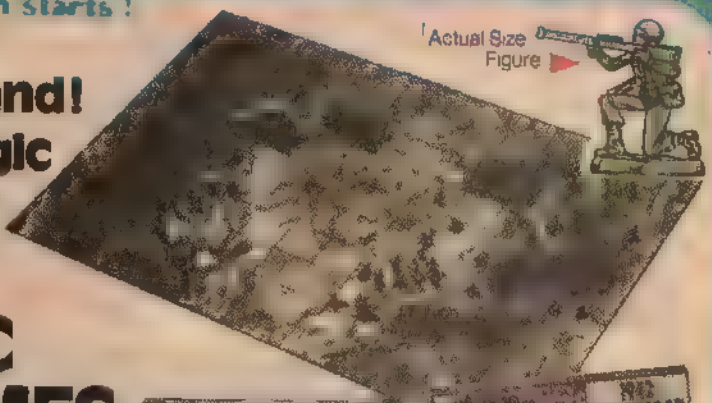

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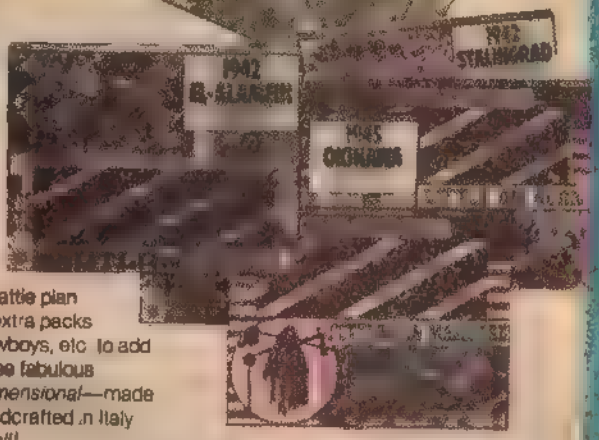

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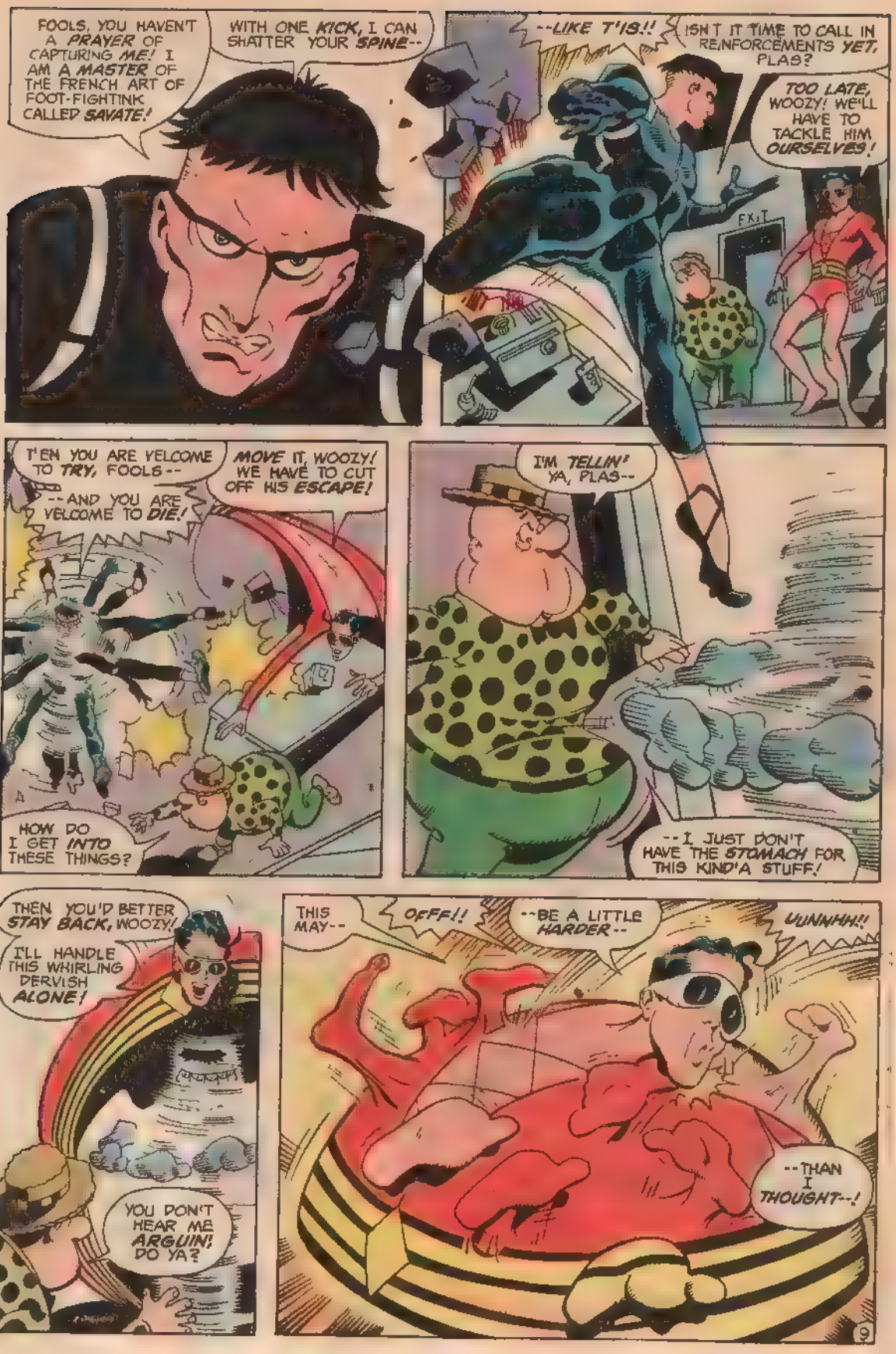
FOOLS, YOU HAVEN'T A PRAYER OF CAPTURING ME! I AM A MASTER OF THE FRENCH ART OF FOOT-FIGHTINK CALLED SAVATE!
WITH ONE KICK, I CAN SHATTER YOUR SPINE--
--LIKE T'IS!!
ISN'T IT TIME TO CALL IN REINFORCEMENTS YET, PLAS?
TOO LATE, WOOZY! WE'LL HAVE TO TACKLE HIM OURSELVES!
EXIT
T'EN YOU ARE YELCOME TO TRY, FOOLS--
--AND YOU ARE YELCOME TO DIE!
MOVE IT, WOOZY! WE HAVE TO CUT OFF HIS ESCAPE!
HOW DO I GET INTO THESE THINGS?
I'M TELLIN' YA, PLAS--
--I JUST DON'T HAVE THE STOMACH FOR THIS KIND'A STUFF!
THEN YOU'D BETTER STAY BACK, WOOZY!
I'LL HANDLE THIS WHIRLING DERVISH ALONE!
YOU DON'T HEAR ME ARGUIN', DO YA?
THIS MAY--
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--BE A LITTLE HARDER--
UUNNHH!!
--THAN I THOUGHT--!
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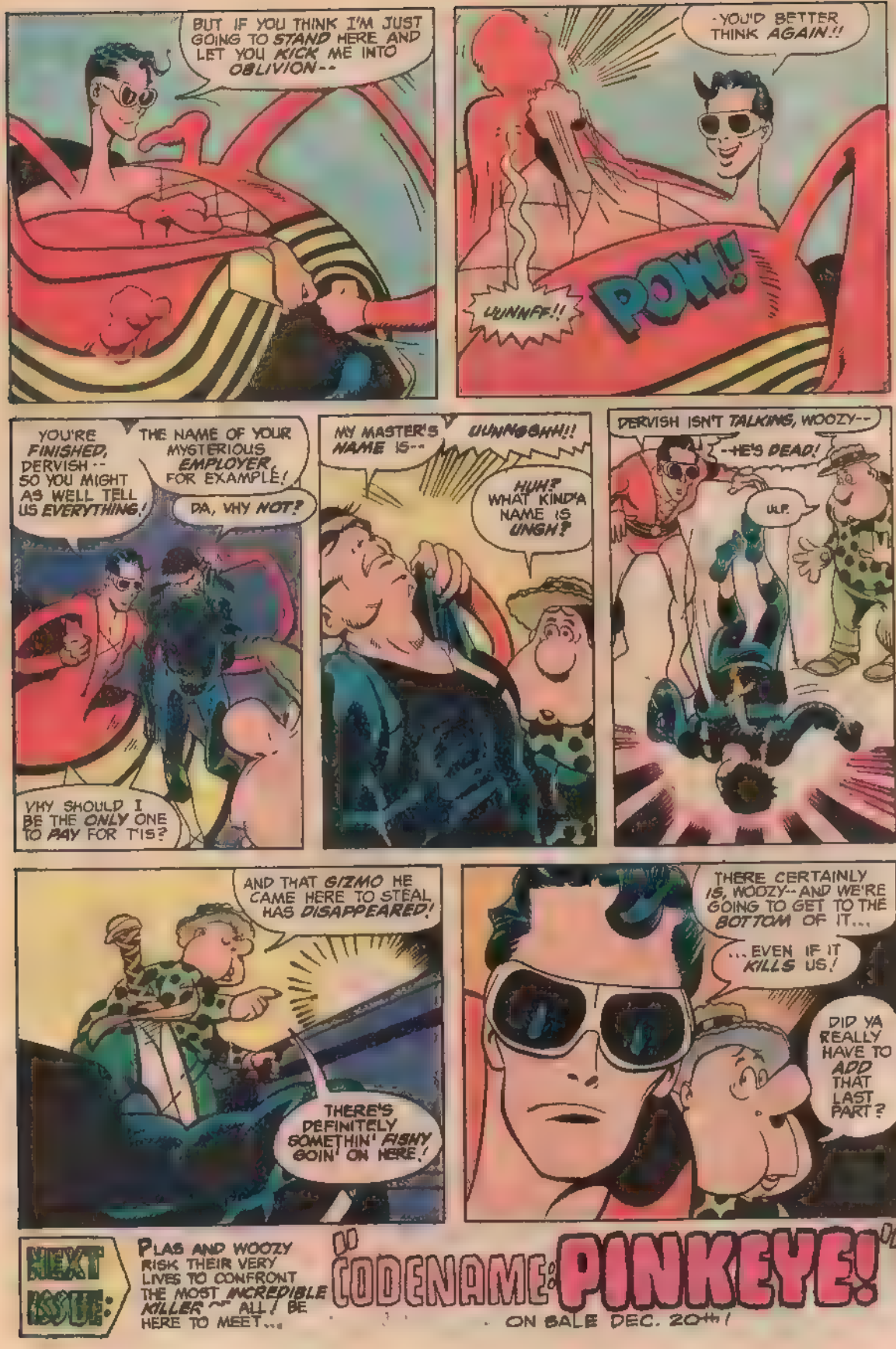
BUT IF YOU THINK I'M JUST GOING TO STAND HERE AND LET YOU KICK ME INTO OBLIVION--
-YOU'D BETTER THINK AGAIN!!
UUNNFF!!
POW!
YOU'RE FINISHED, DERVISH -- SO YOU MIGHT AS WELL TELL US EVERYTHING!
THE NAME OF YOUR MYSTERIOUS EMPLOYER, FOR EXAMPLE!
DA, VHY NOT?
VHY SHOULD I BE THE ONLY ONE TO PAY FOR T'IS?
MY MASTER'S NAME IS--
UUNNGGHH!!
HUH? WHAT KIND'A NAME IS UNGH?
DERVISH ISN'T TALKING, WOOZY--
--HE'S DEAD!
ULP.
AND THAT GIZMO HE CAME HERE TO STEAL HAS DISAPPEARED!
THERE'S DEFINITELY SOMETHIN' FISHY GOIN' ON HERE!
THERE CERTAINLY IS, WOOZY--AND WE'RE GOING TO GET TO THE BOTTOM OF IT...
...EVEN IF IT KILLS US!
DID YA REALLY HAVE TO ADD THAT LAST PART?

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DATELINE: ADVENTURE

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Dear Editor,

There's been rumors afoot that *ADVENTURE* will return to the smaller 40¢ format. What a shame, for I'm sure Deadman will be one of the ousted features. Len Wein has done wonders for the solidarity of this book; his scripts never cease to be excellent.

The Deadman stories help to balance out the super-heroics of the book's other leading characters. Unlike the others, he's not a self-appointed vigilante out to save the world from evil-doers. He's just...just, well, a deadman. Quite an interesting, and difficult, premise for the basis of a series of stories. But it works. Deadman provides the mysticism and off-beat adventure this book needs.

Where else can we find intense mystery, supernaturalism, and hard-core realism in one series? Nowhere, I presume, but the above qualities have sustained Deadman since #459. If Deadman is on his way out of *ADVENTURE*, let's hope he can fill a slot in some other companion mag. And if I may close with a question, who created the Deadman character?

A. Gary Giroux
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We're not quite sure who created Deadman. Arnold Drake scripted the first (and origin) story, Carmine Infantino pencilled it and helped develop the character, Jack Miller was the editor and added some elements to the mix in all probability, and various other creative people including Bob Haney claim to have participated in the discussions that shaped the character.

It's much easier, however, to explain the future of Deadman than the past. As you can see, we did indeed reshape ADVENTURE into a standard format monthly, and Deadman has indeed vanished from these pages. But one of the reasons why Deadman has gone into limbo, rather than another magazine, is simply that it was no longer possible to do the series the way we wanted to. With Garcia Lopez increasingly preoccupied with other DC projects, and Jim Aparo tied up on BRAVE & BOLD, no artist was available to do justice to the character...and ye editor's writing schedule has obviously been trimmed back by the time spent guiding FLASH, WONDER WOMAN, JUSTICE LEAGUE and this magazine.

You can look forward to Superman and Deadman joining forces in a near future DC COMICS PRESENTS, however, and we're sure that Boston Brand's spirit will continue to haunt our line—probably when and where we least expect it.

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Dear Editor,

I must admit it was quite a shock to find that my *ADVENTURE COMIC* had lost that great line near the title that said "68 Pages No Ads From Cover To Cover". *ADVENTURE* had fallen sick, and become contaminated with that awful disease, the ad.

Now don't get me wrong, I like advertisements, but it sure can be a hinderance to us, the readers. If you must place ads in your dollar comics, why not place them in the back, after the letter columns? This way we won't be hindered in our reading, and you can still have them.

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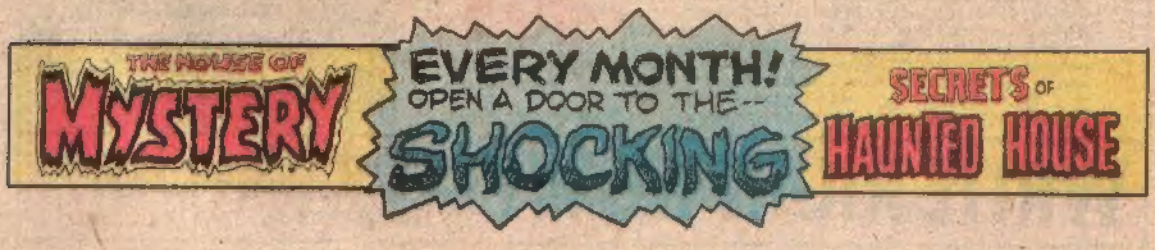

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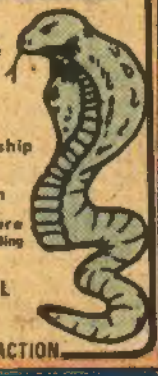

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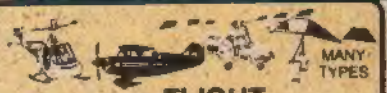

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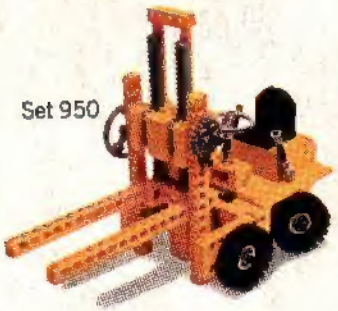

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